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ST. LOUIS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON
ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

ST. LOUIS, Missouri - Mark Dawson Williams was sentenced to 37 months in prison, followed by supervised release for life, on charges of possession of child pornography, U.S. Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway of the Eastern District of Missouri announced today.

Williams, 43, 9000 block of Janet Court, St. Louis, 63114, pled guilty in December to one felony count of possession of child pornography. In May 2005, Williams had numerous files on his computer containing images of children under the age of eighteen engaged in sexually explicit conduct. He appeared today for sentencing before United States District Judge Rodney W. Sippel.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

Hanaway commended the work on the case by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Regional Computer Crimes Education & Enforcement Group (RCCEEG), and Assistant United States Attorney Hal Goldsmith, who handled the case for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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